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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS AT ALEXANDRIA PORT

1. MIDDAY 11 JULY 1977 CONGEN WAS VISITED BY RESPONSIBLE LOCAL PRIVATE SECTOR SHIPPING AGENT WHO HAS ASSISTED MANY AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS RECENTLY, TO REPORT CONGESTION PROBLEM AT ALEXANDRIA PORT INVOLVING PL-480 GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

2. THERE ARE OVER 18,000 TONS OF BAGGED GRAIN STACKED ON OR NEAR SILO PIERS AWAITING TRUCK TRANSPORTATION. THIS IS MOSTLY CARGO DISCHARGED FROM SEVERAL AMERICAN FLAG SHIPS ON RECENT VISITS. THIS CONGESTION PREVENTS DOCKING (SINCE THERE NO UNLOADING SPACE) OF INCOMING AMERICAN FLAG SHIP ASSIGNED TO PIER 81 (LAST OF SILOS PIERS) AND APPEARS, ON PERSONAL INSPECTION IN EARLY AFTERNOON, TO PREVENT USE OF PIER 80 (END OF QUAY) AND PIER 79 (EAST SIDE OF QUAY). THESE ARE NOMINALLY "LUMBER DOCKS" BUT FOR LAST YEAR OR MORE HAVE BECOME ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY GRAIN PIERS.

3. SHIPPING AGENT SAID PROBLEM WAS LACK OF TRUCKS, AND SAID HE AND OTHERS CONCERNED ARE APPEALING TO TRANSPORT MINISTRY FOR ASSISTANCE. HE ASKED CONGEN TO ADD OFFICIAL USG VOICE.

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4. ACTION CAIRO: COULD EMBASSY EXPLORE PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND OF SUPPLY?

5. COMMENT: INSPECTION TODAY INDICATES FAIRLY GOOD EFFORT MOVE THIS GRAIN MOUNTAIN AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BECAUSE GRAIN TAKES UP SO MUCH DOCK SPACE, THERE IS NOT ROOM FOR SIMULTANEOUS LOADING OF

MORE TRUCKS EVEN IF AVAILABLE. NEVERTHELESS, BELIEVE WE SHOULD
MAKE EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE GREATER EFFICIENCY IN MOVING GRAIN BEFORE
IT BUILDS UP IN FIRST PLACE, SO LEANING ON GOE TO EXPEDITE TO
GREATEST DEGREE POSSIBLE CLEANING UP OF PRESENT MESS WOULD BE
EDUCATIONAL, IF NOTHING ELSE. RATE OF ARRIVAL PL-480 GRAIN UNDER
PRESENT PROGRAM WILL AGRAVATE PROBLEM.
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